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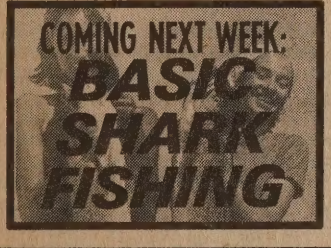

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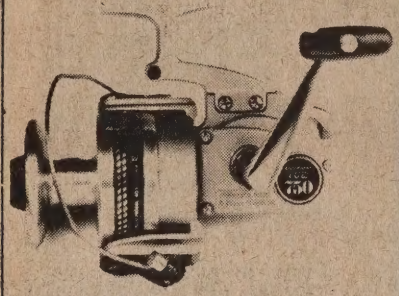

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TUNA TOURNAMENT GROWING

The Babylon Tuna Club, which is sponsoring its 21st Annual Tuna and Marlin Tournament on July 30th and 31st, reports many entries coming in. New Jersey boats and clubs are already entered, as well as many of the top clubs and boats from Long Island. The reports of a 240 pound tuna trolled off Fire Island, swordfish off the South Shore, and school tuna off south Jersey have sparked the entries. This is not to mention the $3,000 in prizes, trophies, and awards that will be given out.

Species eligible are tuna, marlin, swordfish, albacore, bonita, and dolphin. Bluefin tuna under 14 pounds will be tagged. Scientists from the Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institute will be assisting us with tags and equipment. All fish brought to the dock will be sold to the public, with the proceeds being donated to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

For more information and applications, please contact: John Fitzsimmons, 10 Patricia Court, North Babylon, New York 1703. 516-586-1325.

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This tournament promises to be the "fishing event" of the summer.

Entry fees and inquiries can be sent to: **Bluefish Tournament Committee, P. O. Box 112, Fort Tilden, New York 11695. Tel: 212-449-4661.**

HUDSON ANGLERS' SHARK TOURNAMENT

A reminder that the Hudson Anglers' 5th Annual Shark Tournament will be run on Saturday, August 13th. Entry fee is $35 per boat; $27 of the entry fee is returned as prize money for the three largest sharks (1st place gets 60 percent; 2nd - 25 percent and 3rd - 15 percent). There are also merchandise prizes for Fourth through Tenth place. Last year 1st place won over $1200.

Departure is 6:00 a.m. Saturday, from any port. Weigh-in is at Mako Marina, Freeport, before 6:30 p.m.

There are no restrictions on boat size or number of anglers.

For further information, call Roy Flood at Mako Marina, 378-7331.

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Selling fish for charity may seem like a new idea, but the Babylon Tuna Club has been doing it for years at its Invitational Tuna Tournament. This year the Tournament is on July 30th and 31st. Over a hundred anglers, in dozens of boats will ply the ocean for tuna, swordfish, marlin, bonita, dolphin and albacore. All fish brought to the dock will be sold at bargain prices to the public. The proceeds will be donated to the Suffolk County Chapter of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

This is the time to fill your freezer with fresh fish. Bring the family to see giant swordfish and marlin, the $100,000 fishing boats, or just meet and talk to the anglers. There's no admission charge or parking fee. It's free and it's free and it's fun, so come on down to the Babylon Village Dock on Saturday afternoon July 30th, or Sunday afternoon July 31st. The Babylon Village Dock is located at the foot of Fire Island Avenue, Babylon.

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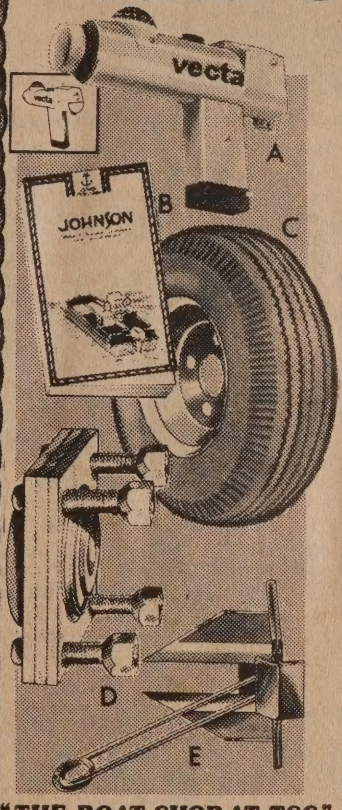

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For any additional information, contact Michael Friend, Chairman, 212-474-2408 or 463 Beach 140th Street, Neponsit, New York 11694.

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CLUB NEWS

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BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

Eleven of the top fishing and outdoor writers and broadcasters on the east coast have been named as judges for the Annual Atlantic National Bank $50,000 Bluefish Tournament, July 23.

"I feel we have amassed the finest collection of judges of any fishing tournament, anywhere," said Tournament Director Ralph Stork. "These men represent media throughout the eastern seaboard and all are nationally known for their writing talents and integrity," Stork added.

Judges for the event includ Charley Zaimes, managing editor of the weekly Angler's News; Capt. Lou Wagner, WCAU-TV Philadelphia; Pete Barrett and Russ Wilson of the weekly New Jersey Fisherman. Also Cary deRussy, Fishing in New Jersey Magazine; Tom Dunham, New Jersey Magazine; nationally known syndicated columnist Nick Sisley; Ron Kometa, West Chester, Pa., Daily Local News and Henry Schaefer, Salt Water Sportsman Magazine and Herb Blackwell, Trenton, N.J. Trentonian.

The judges also are taking part in a special tornament of their own Friday July 22. "We began this event last year as a sidelight to the $50,000 tournament," said Atlantic National Bank President Robert Kelleher, "and it was such a hit, both with the judges and regular contestants, that we simply had to hold another this year."

The judges will vye for a winner-take-all prize pool and a trophy designating him as the best bluefish catching outdoor writer in the country.

The $50,000 grand award, which is guaranteed by Atlantic National Bank, will be made to any contestant who lands an all-tackle IGFA world record bluefish during the event.

One hundred boats, each containing a maximum of 4 anglers, will participate in the contest, which is based at Capt. Andy's Marina, 9317 Amherst Ave., Margate, N.J. Entry is on a first-come-first-served basis and forms can be obtained at Capt. Andy's or any office of Atlantic National Bank.

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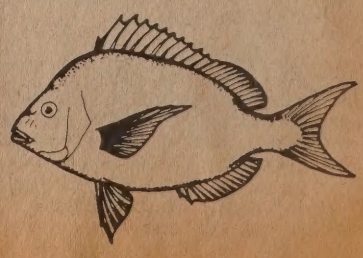

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FISH TALK

with Dr. William A. Muller

BLUEFISH

Pomatomus saltatrix

★PART ONE★

BLUEFISH (POMATOMUS SALTATRIX) are a kind of unique fish. That is, it is the only member of an entire family (Pomatomidae). Most families of fishes contain at least dozens, and sometimes hundreds of species. The sea basses, for example, consists of a group of over 400 species. Why should there be no other fishes that are directly related to the bluefish? This is the kind of question that scientists seek to answer. Many theories are offered, but it is difficult to pinpoint what may have happened thousands of years ago. Perhaps, for example, the bluefish is the last surviving species of a once-larger family of fishes. Let us imagine further, in our fantasy, that as the climate of the ocean and the evolution of other advanced fishes proceeded that the relatives of the bluefish could not compete successfully in the evolving ocean. But the bluefish continued to succeed because it had adapted to an ecological niche for which other species of advanced fishes could not compete—and what an ecological niche it is! But more on this later.

THE BLUEFISH IS A LONG-BODIED fish, but thick enough to have the muscles that it takes to swim and swim and swim, and fight and fight and fight. The belly is flat-sided, which means that there is no rounding to the ventral surface the way the belly of a striped bass is formed. This physical characteristic reduces the drag of the water against the animal and permits the fish to swim faster and longer. I've heard bluefish described on more than one occasion as having the ability to swim up to 60 miles per hour, although its average cruising speed is considerably less!

THE COLOR OF BLUEFISH IS VARIABLE! The skin on the dorsal surface is iridescent greenish-blue, becomes silvery along the sides, and then very white at the belly. Most of the fins are dark, but the pelvic fins are typically white.

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THE TEETH! That says it all. Everyone who has ever tangled with a bluefish knows about the teeth. Both the upper and lower jaw are studded with very sharp, triangular teeth. Unlike some fish—like the fluke which has the triangular teeth for grasping—the teeth of a bluefish interdigitate. This means that the blue can sever a bunker or a finger with the speed, accuracy, and perfection of a surgeon's scalpel.

BLUEFISH ARE SAID BY MANY TO BE THE MOST VORACIOUS fish in the sea. They're mean, all right, and they show solid evidence of being cannabalistic, but I can think of other fish that are pretty nasty in their own right. Take for example, sharks, barracuda, and billfish. The point is that blues are tough, but exact comparisons are unproductive.

BLUEFISH HAVE A WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION. Blues are found in every ocean of the world, but do not frequent the Coast of Europe nor the West Coasts of North or South America. The bluefish prefers warm and temperate water temperatures, and thus, shies away from areas where descending currents—either from the deep or from polar regions—approach temperate shores.

ONE OF THE GREAT DEBATES IN SALTWATER FISHING IS: why do bluefish at times suddenly appear and then disappear for periods of years? The classic answer is that bluefish have an eleven-year cycle. But is it the bluefish or some other living thing that has the eleven-year cycle? Bluefish began their last eleven-year cycle immediately after World War II and they've been going strong ever since. True, the last few years there have been lesser numbers of the blues in some areas, but basically there are still a lot of bluefish.

THE MID AND LATE 1960s WERE BOOM YEARS FOR BLUES in our area. Why? If any of you fishermen are new to the sport, let me describe what happened in those years. Starting in mid-August, the blues would start to swarm into shallow water. They were taken in incredible numbers off the beach in the day by wire-line trollers and then at sunrise and sunset they would swarm the beach. There were places where bluefish would appear during the twilight period almost everyday, and their attacks on large schools of small bunker would turn a mirror-like surface into a froth of white sea-foam and streaks of blood.

HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW. Bluefish are notoriously unpredictably predictable. That isn't double talk; it's bluefish talk. There are certain places where it is taken for granted that bluefish will appear year after year. Places like Great Point, Nantucket, and Cape Point, North Carolina. But, son-of-a-gun, a new fishing season rolls around and the blues are either absent or they appear in such reduced numbers that all the local anglers discuss the decline of the bluefish. Next morning you read in the newspapers that blues have invaded the beach at Miami Beach, sending the summer bathers running for their fishing rods. Two years ago, the summer run of big slammer bluefish that normally develops in our area was a little slow. Several weeks after the run should have been on in full force, the word leaked out

that the blues had decided upon a Maine vacation and were driving local fishermen bananas!

CONCLUSION! In the end, the bluefish is a free spirit. They will go where the spirit moves them and small variations in the ocean temperature and the abundance of bait may dramatically change their migration patterns. Last year, for example, the now infamous zone of oxygen-depleted water stood between the blues off southern New Jersey and our northern areas. Result: these fish turned and headed south again. Later, after the hurricane shook up the ocean and dissipated the oxygen-depleted zone, the blues swarmed northward and provided good sport in the Fall in some areas.

THE CYCLE HAS CHANGED! We can't, however, escape the fact that there have been marked changes in the pattern of bluefish abundance during the past four or five years. The fish are bigger, and this is usually a sign that a dominant year class or two have run out the string. However, there are some signs that the whole sequence may be beginning again. For the past two years or so, we have noted the presence of a great many small blues in our area during the late spring and early summer. These fish have weighed about one to three pounds and are called harbor blues, tailor blues, and in some place they are known as snapper blues. My fingers are crossed!

AS PROMISED, THE ECOLOGICAL NICHE OF BLUEFISH. Well, I won't try to describe it scientifically, with equations and graphs, but we can give a layman's view of the thing. In essence, we are asking the question: "What is a bluefish?, but we are not asking about its size or color. Instead, we address ourselves to its biology; specifically, as it relates to the habitat it shares with other creatures. Another way of asking this question is to ponder how a blue is different from a weak or striper. We all know that all three of these species feed on the same baits, and frequent the same areas. They are all large predators, too.

THE WOLF OF THE COASTAL SEA! Blues travel in schools, regardless of their size and they feed that way, too. There is usually very little cunning associated with their feeding habits. When bait is very abundant, they will slash through it, chewing and gorging themselves. Then, they will up-chuck what they have eaten, and feed again. They will feed all day long and all night long, too, when the bait is plentiful and small. They may take a rest during periods of slack water, but otherwise they eat and eat. Although blues may take up residency in a general area, they roam around within that large area a great deal. They will not sit and wait for the bait to come to them. Even at the edge of a bar or other bottom structure, they will swim back and forth, up and down the structure. They rarely give the bait a chance to rest. For this reason, when blues are around, small bait is frantic in behavior.

Next week: More on the niche.

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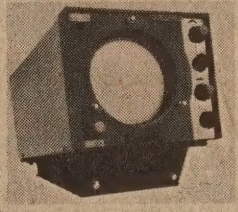

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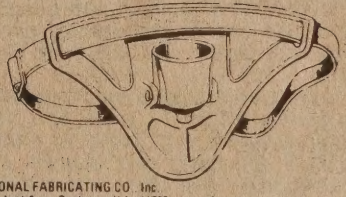

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Surf Side with John Fritz

August Surf Prospects

In contrast to the wild, stimulating fishing during a good northeast blow common to the fall run, midsummer bass fishing is generally a scene of quiet solitude under the benevolent watch of a peaceful moon. Aside from sporadic bluefish activity, the surf scene is one of silent fishermen stalking the water's edge under the mantle of darkness.

Casters using the smaller swimming plugs on light tackle take school bass from selected locations in Jamaica Bay. The State Channel from Debs Inlet east to Fire Island produces bass of surprisingly impressive sizes. The more fertile grounds are found around the bridge pilings, where creeks empty into the deeper water of the channel, and where the flats are adjacent to swift running water.

The boat fishermen lean to clam chumming to attract bass along the State Channel. Since this is a difficult feat to accomplish from the shore, sandworms drifted lazily in the current near the bridge pilings are a good substitute. The bridges and railroad trestles such as found in Jamaica Bay, Long Beach and the Pt. Lookout-Jones Beach area, are prime locations in which to seek bass. The lights shining into the water attract the bait fish, while the predators lie along the shadow line waiting for any careless morsel to venture too close. Sandworms, or if artificials are preferred, bucktails and swimming plugs, presented in a lifelike fashion will entice the waiting hunter to strike.

If the light of dawn finds you still at work, switch to small popping plugs or tin. The splash and flash of these lures in daylight usually make them more attractive.

Those of you who prefer fishing the outside, can pick fish working the many jetties prevalent in this area. Dawn and dusk casting around the mouths of the inlets often produces school bass, along with small blues and weaks. Use small to medium Hopkins or Kastmasters or popping plugs while there is light, but change to your swimming plugs during the hours of darkness.

While bait fishing with bunker, clam and sandworms is likely to be a slow pick, sizeable fish are sometimes taken. Towards the end of the month, live eels have started to produce bass in the past along the Pt. Lookout-Jones Beach shores.

Sandworms fished along the south shore sandy beaches occasionally result in bass and weakfish action. Two memorable events that come to mind are a nice catch of weakfish I witnessed one August night just east of the Democrat jetty. The other, more impressive event, was a string of six sizeable bass taken from the tip of the Democrat bar.

If the surf is dead around the Moriches or Shinnecock Inlet areas, try the bridge leading to Smith Point Park or the Ponquogue Bridge in the Hamptons.

Hardworking surfmen can pick bass from the rocky areas of Montauk. This is mostly nighttime action with the wet suit clan having a distinct advantage on their outer perches.

Sandworms at Ditch Plains, Turtle Cove, and the area west of Jones Reef to the Oyster Pond should see some stripers landed. If the gillnetters have their nets set in the location you decide to fish, forget it—find another spot.

Striped bass activity on Long Island Sound is relatively quiet, with most of the fish moving off the beach into deeper water. Occasionally at night they will cruise amongst the rocks seeking a meal. Tireless casters swimming floating Rebels or Red Fins will succeed at times. This is a good opportunity to try out the smaller versions of the Atom swimmer fitted with an eel skin. The added action could make a world of difference.

Bait fishermen with time to spend sometimes score using mackerel, bunker, or sandworms. The shore from Crabmeadow to Callahan's is one of the better areas.

If the mosquitoes allow, stalking quietly at night along the grassy edges of the north shore marshes can produce school bass and weakfish.

Bluefish are liable to set up housekeeping for extended periods along any stretch of south shore beach. If the bait is present in sufficient quantites to hold these schools, fact action can be mainly found around dawn and dusk. Faster moving lures are preferred, so bring along a plentiful supply of tins and poppers. The Malibu Bar and the Cedar Bar are two places which can hold medium sized blues, if conditions are favorable.

Smaller blues trade back and forth through the south shore inlets. Jones, Fire Island, and Shinnecock seem to have more of this activity than the other inlets, but don't overlook the bridges and breakwaters of Jamaica Bay in your rush east.

The sandy beaches adjacent to Hither Hills has been the scene of numerous forays into the surf by these voracious bluefish schools. Even the inexperienced can take their share of fish.

The fast currents found at the Lighthouse area of Montauk are regular stomping grounds for schools of various size blues, with daybreak and sunset more profitable because of the heavy boat traffic in this area. The North Bar, on the last half of the outgoing, when fished at sunrise, in the evening, or at night, is worth the effort. Keep an eye out for birds working over fish in the direction of Shagwong. As darkness draws near, these schools often move into the beach.

The Long Island Sound shoreline is witness to many scenes of "blues on the beach." Nothing can be pinpointed with any degree of accuracy, but a few hotspots of the past are worthy of consideration. First of all, watch the inlets: the Nissequogue was a reliable producer for many years. This area can be reached from Sunken Meadow State Park. The wider harbor mouths to the west are hard to cover, but any point of land which has a rip forming on the running tide is worth checking.

The only time when these blues can be counted on to provide day in and day out results, are when they corral the bunker inside the various harbors. Locate these bunker schools, coincide your trip with the rise of the sun, and fast action on jumbo blues can be had.

Bottom fishing using bunker as bait is a pleasant way to spend an August evening. The east side of Mt. Sinai inlet, Crabmeadow and adjacent beaches, the Bayville area and under the Throggs Neck Bridge are good bets.

Weakfish, as is usually the case, can be plugged along with the bass, but August adds another dimension for those of you seeking weaks exclusively. At this time of the year, snappers are plentiful, and while catching them is a lot of fun for the young at heart, they are a prime bait for king-sized weakfish. Fished either live or fresh dead on a bottom rig in the waters of say, Fire Island Inlet, has been a method used to score impressive catches. If bunker are more readily available, use them—they work just as well.

If you find the fishing on the slow side during this last full month of summer—take heart—September is just around the corner, bringing with it a Nor'easter or two to signal the start of the fabled fall run. Before this comes to pass, work at what is here now. One never knows what lies ahead in the fishing scene. Last year some of my best fishing was found during the unlikely month of August.

FISH THAT CAN KILL

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE STONEFISH IS SO WELL CAMOUFLAGED THAT IT'S HARD TO SEE. ITS 13 SPINES CAN PIERCE THE SOLE OF A TENNIS SHOE AND DELIVER A POISON THAT CAN KILL A MAN IN ONE HOUR!

MORAY EELS ATTACK VICIOUSLY AND WOUND SERIOUSLY IF PROVOKED BY MAN.

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THE KILLER WHALE NEVER CHEWS BUT SWALLOWS ITS FOOD WHOLE OR IN LARGE CHUNKS. IT HAS 20 TEETH IN BOTH UPPER AND LOWER JAWS WHICH INTERLOCK TO GIVE A STRONG BITE.

THE CANDIRU, A TINY ONE-INCH SOUTH AMERICAN CATFISH ENTERS THE BODY THROUGH THE GENITALS CAUSING INTENSE PAIN AND BLEEDING. THE ONLY CURE IS SURGERY. TO PREVENT, *NEVER URINATE IN THE WATER IN SOUTH AMERICA!*

THE GIANT BLACK SEA BASS, A GROUPER WEIGHING HALF A TON... CAN OPEN ITS HUGE MOUTH AND FLARE ITS GILLS TO CREATE SUCTION TO SWEEP IN A MAN. INDO-PACIFIC PEARL DIVERS ARE SAID TO FEAR THIS SEA BASS MORE THAN SHARKS!

Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

Fluke from Shore

Just about every fisherman knows more fluke are caught from boats than from shore. There's no question boat fishing gives the angler a distinct advantage. There have been times though, when shore fishing produced extremely well for me. Occasionally, I've had some exceptional catches.

Because fluke will go anywhere in their relentless pursuit of bait fish, shore fishermen have an excellent opportunity to score. Though it's best to fish areas with at least six feet of water at low tide, I've caught fluke in water so shallow, no skiff fisherman would dare attempt it for fear of hanging up. Although I've never been fortunate enough to catch doormats while shore fishing, I've seen several taken by other fishermen.

My best so far have approached the five pound mark, and not too many at that—most average about one-and-a-half. But hope endures in each fisherman's breast, and I'm sure it's only a matter of time before the fishing Gods smile my way.

It was more or less by accident that I became interested in shore fishing for fluke. It came about many years ago, while waiting for two fishing buddies to show up at Tom and Larry's Fishing Station on Schaeffer's Creek in Island Park. To pass the time, I began casting from the station pier. I figured a sea robin or two for extra bait wouldn't hurt.

On the second cast, I nailed a fluke and by the time my friends arrived a half-hour later, I had four more. One of these was larger than any we caught that day in Reynold's Channel. From then on, you can bet I took an interest in fluke fishing from shore.

I find tackle choice depends much upon where you intend fishing. If your selected area is known for its slow-moving currents, areas such as backwater creeks and canals, then a light spinning outfit will get by without difficulty. But if your chosen spot is near an inlet, it's better to use medium-weight stuff. In order to combat normally faster currents in these places, it's necessary to use heavier sinkers and a light spinning outfit won't properly handle these.

Any type sinker except the pyramid will do, just so long as it's heavy enough to cast the rig. My choice leans to the bank sinker, but a diamond style is okay. There's good reason for this. When seeking fluke, you must continously jig and keep the bait moving along the bottom. When doing so, you'll find these sinkers easily glide along the bottom, putting no unnecessary strain on the rod tip. Because pyramid sinkers snag on the least obstruction, experienced sinker bouncers rarely use them.

Sinker weight is important. When using light tackle in slow-moving currents, a two-ounce sinker will get by without trouble. For the heavier stuff, three or four ounces will do. If you find more weight is necessary, I suggest finding another area. These strong currents often dislodge copious amounts of seaweed and fluke are not interested in bait festooned with weed and debris.

When using light spinning tackle, fill a matching reel with at least 100 yards of ten pound monofilament. This is the minimum test when fluke fishing from shore. You may get snagged, or encounter a gob of seaweed and using ten pound test will give you a fighting chance of salvaging the rig.

For medium-weight tackle, use twenty pound test. This will give better control when using heavier sinkers. Sometimes inlet fishing can be rough on terminal gear, but you'll do okay with this stronger stuff.

A leader is always necessary—and don't let any Doubting Thomas tell you differently. I know some fishermen might not agree. They'll tell you they've caught fluke without them. Sure they have—so have I, but damn few. If you want your share of fluke, make sure your rig consists of a leader and the proper style and correct size hook. Let those Doubting Thomases find out the hard way, but don't you do it.

I find a three-foot leader to be best. Two-footers will get by—even an eighteen-incher is better than no leader at all, but for those larger, more cautious fluke, the longer length is better. This isn't because fluke are line shy—catching occasional fluke without leaders proves that—but rather because the leader imparts the necessary action to the bait so that the predatory, ever-watchful fluke can't resist taking a crack at it.

Proper hook selection is no problem. Most fluke fishermen use a Carlisle, in sizes from 3/0 to 5/0. I'd say for all-around shore fishing, a 4/0 strikes a happy medium. These are all long-shanked and this feature is a great help when unhooking your fish. Just one glance at that cavernous mouth, armed with those wicked-looking teeth makes any fisherman glad he selected a long-shanked hook.

At times, you will find experienced fluke fishermen using regular-shanked hooks. I know why these are preferred, and like these fishermen, I feel this is a better hook under certain conditions, but until you've caught your share of fluke, I believe the Carlisles are best to use. Remember those wicked teeth.

There are several methods used to place the leader on the main line. I'll describe two of the best and you can take your choice.

A 1/0 three-way swivel can be tied in about two inches above the sinker with Improved Clinch Knots. If tying Clinch Knots isn't for you, a two-inch loop placed the same distance above the sinker will do the trick. Make this with a double-overhand knot.

Sometimes when casting on windy days, the leader will foul around the main line. Should this happen, use a sinker snap and place leader and sinker together. This is the best method to use when casting difficulties arise.

As noted before, fluke are predators; therefore, some type of fish bait is necessary. Don't bother with worm, clam or mussel. They'll get you nowhere with fluke.

What bait is best? Personally, I don't think any fluke bait will ever outfish a lively, two-inch killie. In my book, they are the top bait. They're easy to use, too. Run the hook through the mouth and out the gill cover for insurance against losing it when casting. If you handle the killie carefully so that the sensitive gills remain uninjured, it will stay alive a good, long time.

Occasionally, you'll find your killie bitten in two, but don't blame it on short-biting fluke every time. Nine out of ten times, it's caused by crabs, and it means but one thing—you aren't giving the killie enough action! Step up your jigging and retrieving and you'll not only save bait, your catch of fluke will increase. To be a successful fluke fisherman today, you must take advantage of every little thing to put fish in the bucket.

When used properly, spearing and sand eel make good bait. The secret is to place these baits on the hook so they appear natural. You can run the hook once through the head and let the bait wiggle in the current as you retrieve, or you can hook once more about mid-point in the body, leaving the barb exposed. If the bait is soft, it may slide down and bunch up around the hook shank, defeating its purpose. In that case, hooking through the head is better.

Fish strips make excellent bait and when using these you avoid the nagging problem of sloppy-looking bait. You can use three-inch strips of mackerel, squid, bergall, or sea robin. In fact, any kind of fish bait will produce—some better than others.

I purposely mentioned sea robin as bait. They have produced hundreds of fluke for me, so be sure to put them to use. Prepare in the following manner: leave the scales on. Hold the robin down by the head and be sure to use a rag—those spines are murder! Make a cut on the side near the vent, when the backbone is reached, slice along this to the tail and cut off. You'll get two pieces from each robin. Cut each piece lengthways and use the light chunks first.

All strip bait should be hooked once only at the widest part. Give the fluke time to munch before setting the hook.

Don't forget: to catch fluke, you must give the bait plenty of action. Dead lines or slow-moving bait produce few fluke. Cast as far as possible and retrieve with short lifts of the rod tip, reeling in the slack as you go along. The secret to shore fishing for fluke is to make plenty of casts. If one section doesn't produce in a reasonable amount of time, move a few feet, and try again.

NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Fishermen disappointed in this year's spring striper run don't have much to look forward to if the Maryland Tidewater Fishing Forecast for 1977 is accurate. Much, if not most, of the migrating striped bass found along the Atlantic Coast from Cape Hatteras to Maine are spawned in Chesapeake Bay waters. According to Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, "overall fishing success for striped bass will drift downward for at least two more years. Any flurry in fishing action will be temporary and localized. This discouraging prediction is based on data derived from our annual surveys of fingerling abundance in Maryland's four major spawning and nursery grounds: Head-of-the-Chesapeake Bay and tributaries; Potomac River; Choptank River, and Nanticoke River. Collectively, these areas have produced poor to average year classes over the last six years, and this mediocre reproduction is now being reflected in declining catches.

The historically high populations of striped bass from about 1958 to 1975 were maintained primarily by five exceptionally successful spawns between 1956 and 1970, for an average of one every three or four years. Six years have now elapsed since the last dominant year class. Consequently, abundance is declining and no significant turnaround will occur until our tidal waters produce another dominant year class. During 1977, small and medium size stripers will be scarce and scattered. Larger fish, particularly in the 10-20 pound class, should be generally be available, but below levels of recent years."

The foregoing should come as no surprise to readers of this column. Last year, we noted the lack of a good year class since 1970 and the consequent lack of school stripers to provide future action. With the exception of large bass (remnants of much earlier year classes) and the 10-20 pound mediums (primarily from the great 1970 spawning season), striper fishing was poor along the entire coast last season. Small stripers were almost rare. I never caught one under ten pounds until the last week in September, and had to wait until the last week in October before encountering a bass under six pounds. I asked readers to let me know what their experiences were and got pretty much the same reaction. Even areas that were normally loaded with short bass turned up empty last year. The sole exception was a report from Gary Blinstrub, of the Valley Rod and Gun Shop in Naugatuck, Connecticut, of large quantities of 14-18 inch schoolies at the mouth of the Housatonic River last summer.

Without a doubt, there has been some good fishing for big bass during the last year-and-a-half. However, even this is only a shadow of what used to be commonplace. Talk to the real veteran pros like Al Urban, Jack Vigiano and Vince Scott, and you'll get some idea of what bass fishing on Long Island used to be like. Forty pounders were rather common at Montauk this spring and several fifties were also taken. This sounds good, but consider that practically all these fish were taken at night—on wire line—and by pros who put in a great deal of time. About 25 years ago (when biologists insist there were fewer bass around), Al Urban was catching fifty, fifty-pounders a year casting plugs—and primarily during the day! That's more fifties than are taken by everyone on Long Island in several seasons today.

The solution to this problem isn't a simple one, and I don't propose to have one at hand. Indeed, there may be no solution if nature doesn't cooperate and provide the ideal conditions to ensure a good spawning year. We can take drastic action to preserve what's left, but, up to this point, man's efforts to stock saltwater areas have not been successful. Perhaps a massive infusion of funds into the artificial rearing of striper fingerlings would be worthwhile. Certainly, no limited stocking program will have any significant effect on a migratory population. A special license for striped bass, or a tax on every pound sold, might serve to raise the necessary funds from those who will benefit from the program.

Unfortunately, the fishery management councils cannot be of direct help in resolving this issue. Their control starts at the three mile limit and precludes jurisdiction over the striped bass, which rarely strays out of state waters. However, the Mid-Atlantic Council has attempted to help by taking over surf clam management from the State-Federal Compact Program in order that funds may be made available for the striped bass and menhaden. Planning sessions on the striped bass program have already started and more of the general public should be involved this summer. Hopefully, this program will provide a means for making some sense out of the differing, and often conflicting, State regulations.

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Add to your list of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Council Advisory Panel members, party boat skippers Fred Ardolino of Sheepshead Bay, Al Lindroth of Freeport, and Bob Joseph of Captree. Also Captain Joe Moakley of Montauk and Bob Blanks, Director of the Schaefer Fishing Contest.

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L.I.F. Associate Editor "Doc" Muller has been nominated by Governor Carey for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, along with Bert Kaplan, of the Gladding Corporation. These nominees are eligible for the at-large seats opening up this year. Since these seats are presently filled by representatives from other states, chances of selection aren't good unless a strong campaign is mounted. Letters should be written to Mr. Richard Frank, Administrator-Designate, NOAA, 14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. If possible, include copies in the same envelope for Juanita Kreps, Secretary of Commerce; David Wallace, Assistant Administrator, NOAA, and Robert Schoning, Director, NMFS.

Another outstanding candidate is the current Chairman of the Council, Captain David Hart of Cape May, N.J. Captain Hart is considered a commercial representative, since he spent many years running his own vessels and as the commercial representative on the New Jersey Fish and Game Council. However, even during the years that he was on the opposite side of the table, Dave always had the respect of the State's sportsmen. Indeed, he's an enthusiastic sport fisherman himself. Most importantly, his performance as Chairman in the difficult first year of the Council has been flawless and he certainly deserves re-appointment to a three-year term. Strange as this may have seemed years ago (during the striped bass game fish controversy in New Jersey), Dave has received the endorsement of the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association.

John Burger, a sportsman who did a fine job on the Council during his one year appointment, has declined re nomination. This means that another individual must be appointed to Delaware's obligatory seat. Tackle dealer and outdoor writer, Barbara Porter, is highly recommended.

Connecticut anglers have a chance to get one of the nation's leading marine biologists on the New England Council. Governor Grasso has nominated Ed Migdalski of Yale University, and I can think of no better nominee from that State. Ed is also a well-known author of popular fish identification books, one of which has been my "bible" since I was a teenager.

Governor Byrne has also selected several other outstanding nominees for at-large seats. These include: Dr. Lionel Walford, formerly Director of the Sandy Hook Marine Lab, and Bob Snover, a conservation advisor to Rep. Ed Forsythe. All of these nominations are presently being considered in Washington. Your correspondence now may make the difference in seeing to it that recreational interests are properly represented!

Where, When & Why

by Capt. John C. Henning

Lots of pleasure is derived from a successful catch. The memories make fine stories and dreams. The fish themselves, a succulent meal. The Captain and his pretty mates enjoy both. Why not you?

WHERE: The State Boat Channel, local flats. **WHEN:** Any time, day or night. **WHY:** 'Cause that's where the fish are.

Where and the reason for it. Sure, fish are caught all over; however, some **spots** are naturally better. It's in this **naturally** bit that the secret of good fishing lies. Doing what comes naturally.

Nature provides for the fish she creates. Let's pull up a boat, and join her at the table of bounty.

Be it flounder, sea bass, porgies or fluke, all choose their respective stores to shop in. Why not fish at the shopping center where all the locals come to dine.

Remember that chart of your intended fishing area? Well, what are you waiting for—get it out. Let's find a fairly deep channel, with rather sharp sloping sides. I'm now in the State Boat Channel and will refer to Nautical Chart #12352, formerly known as 120-SC, Shinnecock Bay to East Rockaway Inlet. Use this chart for the reference points of this discussion. It really makes little difference where you fish. Similar type spots and areas will produce like results.

We all understand that a drain-off supplies a natural chum slick on an outgoing tide. As the tide drops, the small bait fishes, shrimp, clam spat, etc., will be sucked out into the channel down the sloping sides and into the mainstream. Our very own shopping center.

If we study our charts, we should be able to find these three conditions at our leisure, snug and warm at home. Deep water, a reliable drainage from our charts and the tidal conditions from the "Fisherman's" yearly tide table.

Two such hotspots fitting these conditions I have fished with tremendous success are at 73 degrees 17' **Long.** 40 degrees 39' **Lat.** and 73 degrees 12' **Long.** 40 degrees 38' **Lat.** Notice both are intersections of two channels. By fishing in the main channel, the smaller one upon entering it, concentrates the natural chumming effect we seek. One is known locally as the entrance to Hemlock Cove; the other the outflow of the Oak Island Channel. Both have produced well for all species—with flounder ranking extremely high.

The major problem is, as always, too many boats. Please don't fish these indicated spots. Stay home, read your charts—I'll catch the fish. I know! Barnacles on your keel, too.

You now have the idea on how to find the best potential spots. You ask, so how come Squaw Island produces so well? Answer: all conditions exist here, too. The only difference, I would refer to this as an "area," not a "spot." Notice there are several channels and cuts. These, while shallow compared to the State Channel, are deep in relation to the immediate area. Your chum slick will be provided as the flats drain. Here you have many places to drop an anchor, rather than the relative small "spot."

O.K. I get the point. What about the flats behind Good Samaritan Hospital. Oh, you skeptics. Yes, matey, you win. There isn't any drain, not even the required change in depth—so why does it produce? Simple, did you notice that hardworking group of clammers so diligently attracting all sorts of fish to their stirred-up goodies? Day in-day out, these guys offer a banquet to our finny friends.

The idea of finding a good "area" or "spot" is rather simple now that we understand the **where** to look. Something makes it attractive to the fish—either Mother Nature or man's ingenuity.

I still recommend the "spot" over the "area." Why compete with the entire fleet in an area, when with a little more perseverance we can fish in the restaurant located in that shopping center.

Just **when** do we fish? Whenever we get the opportunity. That may sound rather phony, but a lot is left to chance.

The fish are there. You know all the places. Putting it altogether is the problem. Like I said before, you stay home, I'll catch the fish. The amount of boat traffic may literally force you out of your selected spot. This is **when** it is important to fall back to the most concentrated fishing "areas."

The State Boat Channel can at times become unfishable. The horrendous hordes of boats, their annoying cresting wakes, and the whirl of their propellers, will chase fish and fisherman alike for shelter. There is one fish that will always be present for you die-hards—yep, that great bundle of fun, the toad fish. Yuk!

This all proves that the time of day or night will dictate whether we fish the areas or spots. Knowing the time, the **when** is dependent on tide and season. Hence, a lot of fishing is done in areas and this really is to our benefit. Spot fishing is dependent on large amounts of fish in rather small spots. If we could and would fish them constantly, the old fishing hole must surely dry up.

This leaves us the **why** we fish, **where** and **when**. Just why do we fish?

Some for food; others for the sport (fun). A mystery is offered us by the

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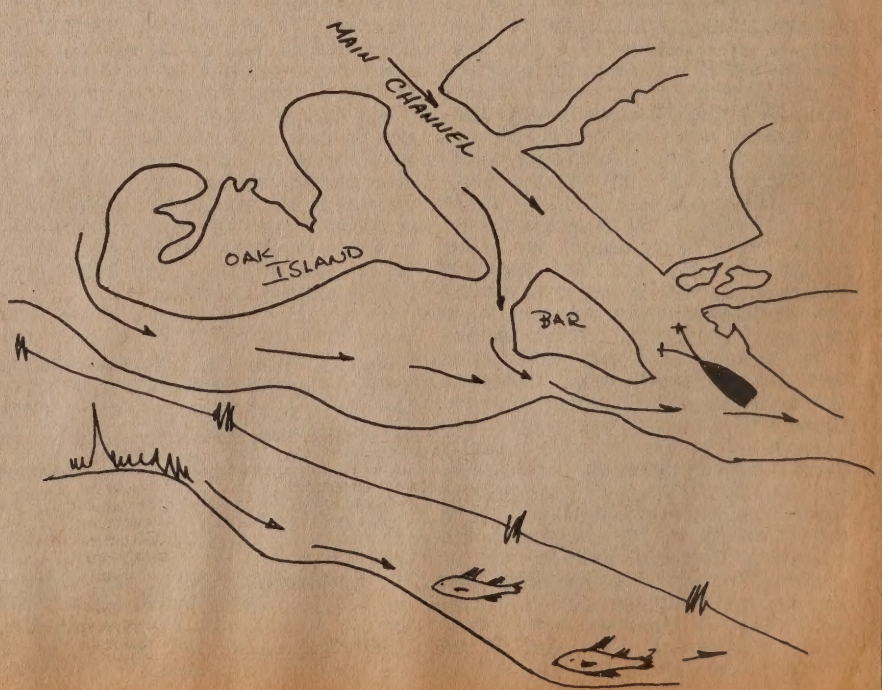

The FISHERMAN CLUB SALTWATER FISHING CONTEST

★ JUNE CONTEST RESULTS ★

CLUB NAME	★ SURF ★ BASS	★ SURF ★ BLUES	★ SURF ★ WEAKS	★ BOAT ★ BASS	★ BOAT ★ BLUES	★ BOAT ★ WEAKS	June Pts.	Total Pts.
★ MASSACHUSETTS ★								
CAPE COD SALTIES	522	118		409	98		1147	1665
PIONEER VALLEY BOAT & SURF CLUB	144	20		325	79		586	886
LINESIDER BASS CLUB				319	72		391	671
★ RHODE ISLAND ★								
WOONSOCKET STRIPER CLUB	850	58	14	226	11	8	965	1816
THE JONAH'S	558			380	85		1023	1757
OCEAN STATE STRIPER CLUB	460		16				476	1101
NARRAGANSETT PIER SPORTFISHING	154		94	282			530	837
VFW POST 5392 FISHING CLUB	152	16		181	43		392	700
EAST BAY ANGLERS	30	24		319	133		506	671
SOUTH COUNTY ROD & GUN	148	30		415	56		649	649
THE RIVERSIDE SPORTFISHING CLUB				239	33	7	279	417
★ CONNECTICUT ★								
HARTFORD SURF FISHING CLUB	564	44	14	388			1010	1010
CONN. RIVER STRIPED BASS CLUB	82		14	413	119		628	838
WESTPORT STRIPED BASS CLUB	476	28		42	74		620	668
MILLFORD STRIPED BASS CLUB	220	138	10	81	13		462	511
DUNHAM SALTIES		20		82			102	102
STRATFORD BOAT OWNERS								42
★ NEW YORK ★								
LONG BEACH STRIPED BASS CLUB	692	172		349	130		1343	1923
HUNTINGTON ANGLERS	498	118	130	323	70	36	1175	1476
KINGS BAY STRIPER CLUB	30	170		274	117	68	659	1471
EMPIRE STRIPER ASSOC.	604	20	38	99	116		877	1432
LONG ISLAND STRIPER CLUB	718	82					800	1402
PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB	490		20	47	21	19	597	1040
BEACH COMBER SURF & FUN CLUB	130	164			11		567	821
NORTH SHORE ANGLERS				409	24	5	438	764
STATEN ISLAND SURF CLUB	408	126					534	716
CAUSEWAY FISHING CLUB	402			190	18		610	610
FARRAGUT STRIPER CLUB	356		168			21	545	802
BABYLON TUNA CLUB				301	144	36	481	569
EASTERN ANGLERS				160	117	51	328	549
SURFERS OF L.I.	184			150	28	40	402	402
MANHASSET BAY SPORTSMENS CLUB				136		37	173	347
GREAT SOUTH BAY ANGLERS	182			136	13	17	248	344
HAMPTONS SURF CLUB								332
SKUNKED AGAIN FISHING ASSOC.	66		54		87	24	231	328
SOUND & SURF FISHING CLUB	32		206			43	281	293
BAY END STRIPER CLUB				19	79	46	262	262
STRIPER SURF CLUB								254
CENTER ANGLERS				169		67	236	236
MILL RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB			52	83		32	147	213
BAYVIEW ROD & GUN CLUB				16	102		118	118
NEW ANGLERS					21	21	42	82
FISHING BUGS OF BROOKLYN								68
OTHER PLACE ANGLERS					41			41
SURF & SEA ANGLERS								23
FREEPORT TUNA CLUB					21		21	21
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DELAWARE VALLEY SURF ANGLERS				18			18	103
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COLUMBIA					52		52	52
L.B.I. SURF ANGLERS ASSOC.				20			20	20

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2. WOONSOCKET STRIPER CLUB	RHODE ISLAND	1816
3. THE JONAH'S	RHODE ISLAND	1757
4. CAPE COD SALTIES	MASSACHUSETTS	1665
5. ASBURY PARK FISHING CLUB	NEW JERSEY	1539
6. HUNTINGTON ANGLERS	NEW YORK	1476
7. KINGS BAY STRIPER CLUB	NEW YORK	1471
8. BERKELEY STRIPER CLUB	NEW JERSEY	1484
9. EMPIRE STRIPER ASSOC.	NEW YORK	1432
10. LONG ISLAND STRIPER CLUB	NEW YORK	1402

Fire Island Tiderunners

by Capt. Fred Golofaro

For the past several years, the Fire Island Inlet area has provided tremendous weakfishing, in terms of quality, for a number of aware anglers.

From mid-summer through October, fish under eight pounds are a rarity, with nine to twelve pounders the rule, rather than the exception.

Quite a few fish in the twelve to fourteen pound range have been taken out of these schools of king-size weaks.

Each succeeding year has seen bigger and bigger fish top off the catches. Last year, Joe Giallonzo's monstrous tide-runner of seventeen-and-a-half pounds took all the honors. The potential of an all-tackle record weak coming from this area in '77, is a distinct possibility. Catches to ten to twenty weaks, all in the nine to twelve pound range, occur frequently enough.

The number of fish you catch is based most often on how much live bait you have on board and how well a job you do of keeping it that way.

Live bait, in the form of snappers, bunker, blackfish and eels, is the ticket you need if you want to score here. Snappers are most effective during August and September, along with bunker. Blackfish replace snappers on the bait list during October. Eels are much more effective during the hours of darkness and only fill in during the daylight hours as a back-up for the other bait.

It's worth noting that in the Fall, big bass like the eels during the day just fine, as long as they are fishe tight to the bottom.

Obtaining bait on certain days is more difficult than catching the weakfish. The majority of the time it is no problem rounding up a dozen or so lively snappers in a half-hour or so. In fact, catching the bait often brought back fond childhood memories of cane-poling a bucket full of these baby blues over the bulkhead surrounding Grandma's summer home. On a couple of occasions, I had a difficult time convincing my crew that we had enough bait for the whole fleet, so enamored were they by these little scrappers.

In order to obtain small blackfish, one need only to anchor in any one of the haunts frequented by a good population of these swivel-eyed, bucktoothed critters and suit your terminal tackle and bait to the size of the fish you desire. Remember, you're looking for bait-size fish of four to eight inches. Small pieces of clam work fine for these baby blacks.

Bunker must be sought out in schools showing on the surface. A big treble hook, 7/0 or 8/0 in size is clipped to the end of a one or two ounce drail and cast just beyond the school of bait fish. Retrieve it through the school with sharp jerks of the rod, and if the bunker are thick, you should have more than enough bait in a very short time.

Some anglers resort to a 200 foot length of gillnet to obtain their bait. When the schools of bunker are thin and scattered, it is the most dependable way of rounding up enough bait for a day or night of fishing.

A plastic garbage pail with a good aerator is essential, unless you want to spend precious fishing time constantly changing the water in your bait well. During hot summer weather, it is necessary to change some of the water at regular intervals, whether you have an aerator or not. Bait fish are just as susceptible to overly warm water as they are to lack of oxygen.

Live eels are now stocked by most tackle shops as a result of the demand created by more and more anglers becoming aware of the virtues of live bait fishing.

As for tackle, conventional gets the nod. Don't even consider spinning tackle if you have a choice. I've found the Penn 209 level wind ideally suited to this fishing, but any conventional reel of similar size will do fine. Be sure it has a smooth working drag and that you have it set properly. These big tiderunners like to run and something is going to give if you try to put a stop to that first strong rush.

Line can range anywhere from twelve pound test, if most of your fishing is back towards the bay, and up to thirty pounds if you spend a lot of time in the area around the Sore Thumb. The rubble-strewn bottom makes short work of anything lighter. Also, I use Ande line exclusively, because it has proven to be the most resistant to abrasion caused by rocks and wreckage.

If a world record is your objective, you're in the right place. Check the record book, decide what class seems most vulnerable, and then spool your reel with tournament line of that class. Tournament line is guaranteed to break

Within the circled area lie numerous holes and rips which produce outsize weaks.

at, or slightly below, the specified strength. It's worth the extra few dollars—I've learned the hard way.

Choose a rod that can handle drifting up to three or four ounces of lead, plus bait, but don't go any heavier than you have to.

As far as terminal tackle is concerned, start by attaching a snap swivel to the end of your line. Use only quality snaps and swivels in all your fishing. Saving a few cents is a lousy excuse for losing a good fish.

Next comes the drail. Two ounces is often enough weight, but there are times when three or even four ounces is necessary. Use whatever it takes to stay on the bottom. That's where the fish are. Expect to lose a few rigs; a small price to pay for the fish you will be catching.

A four foot length of thirty pound mono makes a sufficient leader.

Your hook choice is somewhat dependent upon the bait you choose. Short shank tuna hooks in 4/0 to 6/0 sizes are ideal for fishing eels. With snappers, a 1/0 treble or the single tuna hook. I've also found a 5/0 siwash to be a good choice here. For bunker, a 3/0 treble gets the nod. With blackfish, again the choice is yours, between a single or treble.

Basically, there are two ways to hook your bait. Slightly below and ahead of the dorsal with snappers, blacks and bunker; or through the lips, bottom to top, with all four baits. Experiment yourself and see which you prefer.

In the actual fishing, the bait is lowered to the bottom and the reel kept in free spool. When a pick-up is felt, allow the fish to run freely with only enough thumb control to prevent a backlash. A count of ten is usually ample time for the fish to have swallowed the bait.

With practice you will develop a feel for knowing when to strike. Put the reel in gear, point your rod out towards the fish, allow the line to come tight, and hit him. The rest is up to you. A gaff is more useful than a landing net with these fish and it certainly wouldn't hurt to have both on board.

There are several spots spread through the area that produce well. I won't pinpoint them. You will have to do some scouting on your own to find them; since it is a limited area, it shouldn't be too difficult.

As far as tide is concerned, we've enjoyed good fishing on both the flood and the ebb, at different times. In the summer, especially, you had to be more concerned with fishing the cleaner stages of the tide, as grass and weed really become a problem on some trips.

Since the fish are often concentrated in rips and holes, it is necessary to make frequent drifts back and forth through the spot. When running back for another drift, swing wide of the productive area and be alert for anglers with fish on that may have run a lot of line.

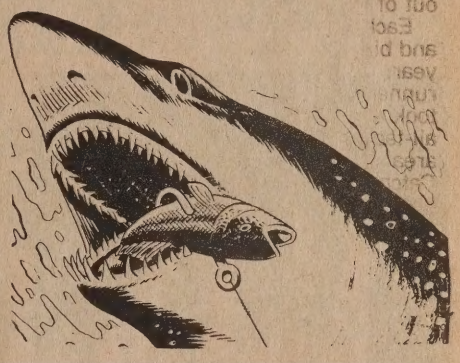
A little respect for one another and some basic good manners, go a long way on the water. Don't anchor in the middle of the drifting boats unless you're a glutton for punishment. Whatever you by cow-size stripers and big blues. In a couple of spots, mixed catches of big bass and weaks occur often enough.

One Fall, I took three stripers in the forty pound range out of a favorite rip, and the next day found only big weakfish occupying the same spot.

If quality, rather than quantity is your forte, then you'll be hard put to beat live-baiting Fire Island tiderunners. get, you certainly deserve!

These are truly beautiful fish. They are also the same big yellowfins that release their spawn into the bays each Spring. Some of the fish you take will be lip-hooked. If you don't need them, please release them.

An added bonus to this fishing is that the same rips and holes frequented by these huge tiderunners, are often shared



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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

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Big news out of Montauk this week was the arrival of hordes of bluefish on Saturday. Vast schools of fish were found on the south side off the town in the morning, and by mid-afternoon the choppers were virtually everywhere. Weakfish, mackerel and whiting in impressive numbers in the Sub Buoy area, at least until the blues arrived. Porgy and seabass fishing good until spooked by the blues but should down again. Fluke only fair in the rips, but first reports of good catches on the south side. Offshore fishing can only be described as "great" with an unusual number of mako sharks being taken. White marlin being spotted all over the place, all the blue sharks you want with a few duskies and brown sharks thrown in for good measure.

Tom Pennino, Wayne Hillen and Mike Rocco with several bass taken on a night charter aboard the HURRY UP with Capt. Frank Braddick. The largest bass was 37 lbs taken by Tom.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the Viking Star reported that the cod fishing at Coxes Ledge was very good until mid-week when it fell down to only fair for some reason. Fluke action is fair to good in the North Rips. Bluefishing was fantastic on the Friday and Saturday night trips. The blues are now in thick at the Sub Buoy and Southwest Ledge and they average 10 to 14 lbs. with many in the 14 lb. class. Whole herring is used on these night expeditions that leave at 7 PM daily. Paul said that the brand new **VIKING STARSHIP** was launched on Saturday with his mother, Adele Forsberg doing the christening honors and swinging the bottle. The super cruiser was launched at the Blount Marine shipyard in Warren, Rhode Island and will be making trial runs this week. The boat should be in Montauk and ready to sail within two weeks. Watch this page for the scheduling of the maiden voyage.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** reported that the fluke fishing is pretty good and g etting better. The blues invaded the porgy grounds Saturday and shook them up a little, but fishing should return to normal by the time this report is read. Rich said that now that the Monster Montauk blues are in the boat will start making its night trips for them shortly.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** reported that the bluefish moved in on Saturday and are now virtually all over the place. On Saturday Joe Korral and friends were aboard and they bagged a mess of weakfish at the Sub Buoy and big bluefish around the Point that had a combined weight of over 400 lbs. One striped bass was taken when a diamond jig managed to get through the bluefish and get near the bottom. Bass fishing was pretty good during the week before the blues arrived. Thirteen were taken on Tuesday, eleven on Wednesday and five were taken on Friday, all on Ava diamond jigs and John's new "tube-jig" that everyone out east is talking about.

Thirty-one weakfish and eleven bass up to 30 lbs for John, Bill and Jim. The bass were taken on Capt. John De Maio's new style jig aboard the VIVIENNE.

Captain Art Munday of the **Darius II** called to give the report of what the charterboats out of **West Lake Fishing Lodge** have been doing. Art said that coming back in from an offshore trip Saturday, he saw schools of bluefish working on top starting in 140 feet of water all the way into the Point. The choppers are all big, 10-12 lbs. and larger. The **Barracuda** came back to the dock early on both Saturday and Sunday due to anglers that were arm-weary from diamond jigging bluefish. The charter-

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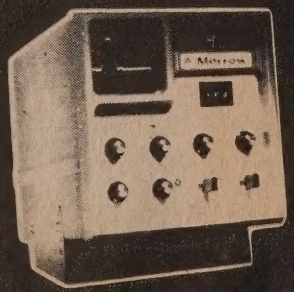

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boat **Ebb Tide** had over 90 big bluefish on Sunday. The **Free Spirit** had three mako sharks during the week ranging from 150 to 200 lbs. The **Darius II** had seven blue sharks on Saturday and nine blue sharks on Sunday, releasing eight. Art said that the Darius II has no weekends open in either August or September, and there are only six weekdays left for charter in August. Many parties have been booking the boat, which can sail with eight to ten passengers, for the special full day trip which consists of a half-day of fluke fishing and half-a-day of bluefishing at Cartwright with herring and jigs.

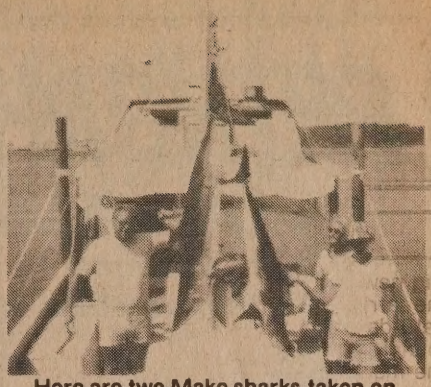
Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** called to say that the boat scored with six mako sharks during the week, ranging from 150 to 225 lbs. On Saturday a 312 lb. dusky shark was taken, and Sundays score was a half a dozen blue sharks. Warren said that the offshore fishing is great, with marlin all over the place. The only thing missing are the bluefin tuna, which are still expected to arrive shortly.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat **Montauk** called to say that he harpooned a 347 lb. swordfish during the week only 17 miles south of the Point in 170 fet of water just off the 30 fathom edge. Even with the harpoon, it took all of 2 hours and 45 minutes to bring the monster in. Joanne McCormack of Floral Park, who weighs in at only 136 lbs. herself, took a mako shark of 159 lbs. all by herself, using only a belly gimbal no less.

Captain Fritz Hubner of the charterboat **Mistress Too** was another sharpie that did a number with the mako sharks during the week. On one trip Fritz got his charter two makos of about 90 lbs. each and had three more on. Paul Sundberg of the **Montauk** also took another mako of 142 lbs. on Sunday. Paul said that the sea temperature is now 75 degrees. The offshore fish have all been arriving late, so it looks the traditional offshore month of September should see some great offshore action with sharks, giant tuna and marlin. The **Montauk** still has a few September openings, so give the skipper a call if you want to get in some of this monster fishing.

Captain John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide** called to say that the bluefish are in in hordes, and on Sunday the charter returned with over 90 choppers. John said that now that the blues have arrived, the fluke should gather up in the rips for better fishing. Without the blues around to provide competition for the baitfish, the fluke were scattered all over the area.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the



Here are two Mako sharks taken on a recent charter aboard the SEA DOLL out of Montauk.

David and Ellen Berlin of East Patchogue stand in the arch formed by the six-foot tail of their twelve-foot thresher shark, caught aboard the MODAR II with Pete Van Alst. The fight lasted over three hours.

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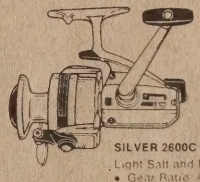

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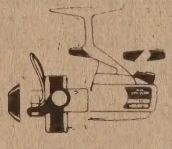

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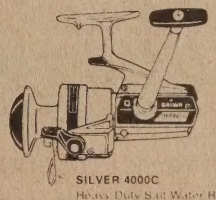

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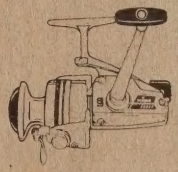

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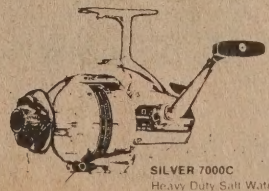

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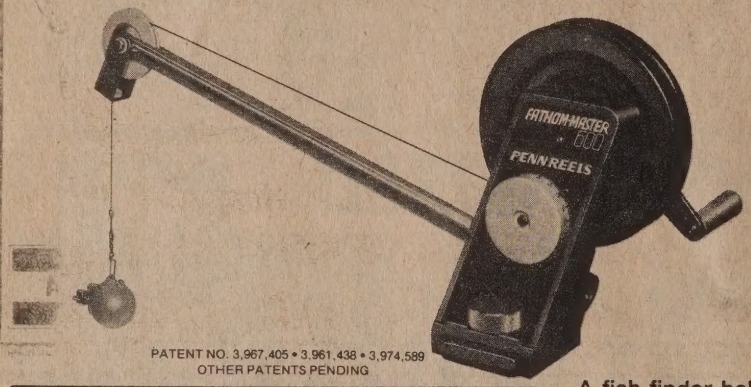

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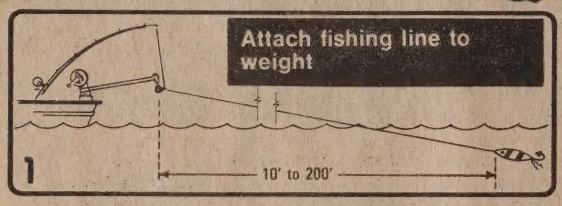

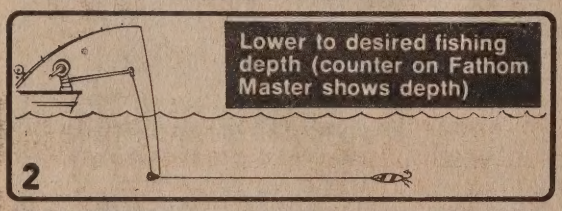

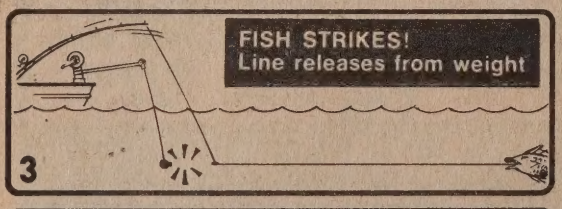

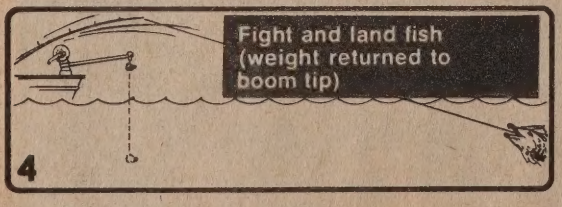

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charterboat **Julie III** and 4 members of the N.Y.C. Transit authority party led by Morton Reed, caught 55 bluefish and a load of porgies and seabass. The blues were taken at the Pollack Rip and Great Eastern on diamond jigs. On Sunday Ron and six members of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, party led by Willie Willus, caught 75 bluefish, 2 weakfish and eight fluke up to six lbs. The blues were taken in the Midway Rips.

Frieda at the **Cove Marina** reported that there has been fantastic bluefishing since Friday with the fish no smaller than 10 or 11 lbs. A few striped bass were taken on the south side mixed in with the bluefish on Ava diamond jigs. The Midway and Submarine buoy is still providing good catches of weakfish, mackeral and whiting and now bluefish. Still good porgy and seabass fishing at the Elbow and Great Eastern. Fluke fishing has been a little slow in the Rips but has been picking up, and the first few good catches of fluke, including doormats, havve been taken on the South side. Offshore fishing has also been fantastic with plenty of Mako sharks, blue sharks and duskies being brought in. A large number of Marlin and Swordfish are being spotted and baited when possible, but few are being brought in. Dennis Gaviola fished in 240 feet of water 40 miles south of the Point on Monday and took 3 Makos of 40, 104 and 128 lbs respectively.

Henry Colombi of **THE STAR ISLAND YACHT CLUB** reported terrific offshore fishing during the week. Capt. Irwin Dietz of the "Patricia Marie" took a 195 lb Mako on Thursday and two Makos of 170 and 190 lbs on Saturday. They also had a brown shark. Capt. Bill Bach of the "Sea Tern" had a Mako of 90 lbs. The "Meditation" brought in 4 Makos up to 195 lbs, one big Dusky shark, and a white Marlin of about 90 lbs. Big Henry also said that giant bluefish showed up in tremendous numbers on Saturday and Sunday and are being taken just about everywhere you drop a Diamond jig. Fluke fishing has only been fair. Marlin fishing continued good all week long with 3 Marlin being brought into Montauk's largest all-purpose marina during the week and several others were released.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **VIKING SKIPPER II** said that he was fishing around the lighthouse Mon. thru Fri. and the Porgy fishing held up real good. Around noon on Saturday, the bluefish invaded the Great Eastern porgy grounds, causing them to run and hide. Needless to say, they also stoped biting. On Sunday the boat went to the same grounds and found that the bluefish were still there disturbing the Porgies. So Bud turned the boat around and headed for the Gardiner's Island Porgy Grounds. Rudy James of the Bronx was high-hook with 51 porgies on Sunday, and the high-hook on Saturday was 59 fish.

Capt. Frank of the charter boat **HURRY UP** called to say that they were still diamond jigging weakfish real good during the week until the bluefish showed up on Saturday. The boats first got wind of the invading bluefish when

an airplane spotted the schools of fish off of the town, exclaiming that there were so many bluefish "you can walk on them." Saturday morning the charter loaded up with bluefish using diamond jigs, and on Saturday's afternoon trip over 100 bluefish were taken on diamond jigs along with a nice catch of weakfish and 4 bass up to 35 lbs. Over 100 blue fish were also taken on Sunday morning with diamond jigs. Frank said that on Tuesday he made an offshore trip to 37 fathoms and caught 2 Mako sharks of 75 and 140 lbs. A mess of blue sharks and brown sharks were also taken and tagged and released. Frank said they also chased a few Marlin but didn't luck out.

The **GONE FISHING MARINA** reported that their charter boats did a real number on the bluefish Sunday. Mondo Polanco, Mike and Pete Mole, Joe Barone, and Chris Delle Caze took 500 lbs of bluefish on the charter boat **Kopy Kat**, skippered by Capt. Hank Neville. Dave Rosenfeld and Ed Baletti on the **SEA DEUCE** took 800 lbs of bluefish in the same area, which was north of the submarine buoy off Block Island.

Charterboat **Adios** called to report that he had 5 makos this week and weekend for his charters. The bluefishing which started on Sat., is excellent and that all the boats are loading up on big fish.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **PROMISED LAND FISHING STATION** reported that the fluke fishing picked up very good over the weekend. The fish are almost all keepers averaging 2 - 3 lbs with fish up to 9 lbs 9 ozs weighed in during the week. Lou Dee and his friend Mike had 38 keepers to 7 pounds on Sunday drifting around Can 2 off Hick's Island. Most boats have been returning with catches of fluke numbering in the 30's. Outgoing tide has provided the hottest action. Art said that the porgy fishing is still good and steady around Can 3 in front of the station and on the east side of Gardiner's Island. The porgies are mixed sizes with most in the 1 lb class. Very few weakfish are being taken but small bluefish are being taken by casting under the working birds. Art said that the bay is loaded with weakfish.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey at **ALTENKIRCH TACKLE** reported that quite a few marlin are being taken out of the Shinnecock Inlet. Three were brought in on Sunday alone. Mako shark fishing is also excellent with many boats accounting for 2 or more a trip. Best area for both Makos and Marlin has been 120 feet of water, 160 degrees southeast of the inlet. Bluefish in the 10 - 12 lb range are plentiful and being trolled in 90 feet of water. Fluke fishing is good on all tides in the cuts around the inlet and in front of the Coast Guard Station. There is also a load of small snappers in Shinnecock Canal.

Capt. Clark Bellows Jr. called to tell us that the **Captain Clark** is now getting small school weakfish in the 1½ to 3 lb. range on worms fishing east of Robbins

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Island. He is also getting porgies to the tune of 25 to 50 per man during the week, fish averaging 1 pound. The wind hurt the fishing some on the weekend. 25 small school weaks were boated on Sunday. Steady customers Ray Challita of Elmhurst and Bill Hellu of Bkly'n had 114 porgies and 13 weaks on Sunday's trip and they swept both pools. Clark says they are taking about 15 kingfish per day on the boat.

Charterboat **Outer Limits** called to say that the Berry charter on Saturday fishing 170 feet of water produced a dusky from 350 to 400 pounds estimate which was released along with 3 blue shark in the 150 lb. category. The Quartaro Bros. on another day were into 5 makos, losing three and boating two, all in the 150 lb. range. Just makos, no other shark. This was at the 180 foot mark. On Sunday his charter raised 4 white marlin, had one on but it broke off on the troll. The ocean is alive reports El Capitan.

Capt. Bill of the **Blue Baron** called to say he has been having very good sharking with a 236 lb. blue shark for the boys from the 77th precinct on Wed. On Friday, Bill's first mako was taken along with a blue and a dusky for Manhattan West Narcotics. On Sat. another mako was taken. Bill says he has 8 open August dates still open and that he is fishing no more than 1½ hours from his dock. While waiting for the shark, his charters are sending lines to the bottom and getting ling, whiting and big squid.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tim at **Bradley's Fishing Station** reported that the fluke fishing has been fair towards the inlet in the cuts. Fish are taking sand eels and squid on both tides. The snappers are starting to show in the bay but they are still pretty small.

Jimmy at **Corr's Fishing Station** reported that the fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay remains steady with the boats taking between 5 and 10 keepers. Best catch during the week was 28 fluke. Most of the action is in the East Channel by Shinnecock Inlet and in the Channel from the Coast Guard Station to the Ponquogue Bridge. Use sand eels with a squid teaser or a live killie or a small snapper, which are also getting good results. Peconic Bay is showing signs of life with small weakfish 2 - 4 lbs in size. Look for good fishing this week.

SKIPPERS FISHING STATION reports a very good pick up in fluke fishing during the incoming water. Sand eels, squid and killies are producing 15 to 20 fish per boat from 2½ - 4 lbs. The offshore scene is plentiful with Marlin, shark, bonita and albacore.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station reported that the fishing was good over the weekend, but best on Saturday. Hottest action was on the last of incoming water at the Coast Guard Station and on the south side of buoys 38 and 39 along the edge of the channel on low slack water. The boats are averaging 25 - 40 keepers and a couple of fish over 6 lbs were taken. Almost any combo bait is working with sand eels and squid producing best. There's a lot of snapper bluefish all over the bay, but no bass activity to speak of. Offshore fishing has been very good particularly for bluefish trolling Umbrella rigs around the Sea Buoy.

The **HI-WAY FISHING STATION** reported that fluke fishing was good all week long except on windy Sunday. Three 11 lb fish were weighed in during the week along with many 6 and 8 pounders. Incoming water has been best with sand eels and squid for bait. Blufishing is good offshore and Mako sharks are plentiful, one boat taking 3 in one day.

Silly Lily Fishing Station reports good fluking all week long. Mark Seidler and buddy from the Bronx had 25 keeper fluke. On Sunday John Mackin and Bruce Brunnes had 18 fluke on squid and sand eel combos drifting from 35 or 36 to 38-39. Best seems to be on the high, off the radio shack to Harts Cove. Fish are generally running up to 3 pounds.

Capt. Tom on the charterboat **Rogue** called to say that on Tuesday Mike Houston of Poughkeepsie took a 357 lb. dusky plus a 150 lb. blue shark and a 41 lb. mako. Last Sunday a hammerhead, a mako and 6 blue shark were taken. This past Saturday Tom trolled 19 bluefish plus one bonita while on Sunday his party had a bluefin tuna in 120 feet of water and he also chummed up a mako. Tom says he still has a few open dates left in August.

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George Czeiniawski, Joe Czeiniawski and Bob Czein with their catch of 40 keeper fluke taken on spearing and squid between buoy 36 and the tip of the Coast Guard Station on the incoming tide. Photo courtesy of SKIDMORE'S FISHING STATION.

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MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** reports things were a little slow this weekend, probably due to the winds, but some fluke were taken from buoys 20-27, spearing and squid working best. Lots of snappers all over the place on small spearing and small tins. Crabs have come in fair numbers and sizes in traps. Best is buoy 15 and 17 area.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station tells us that four boats came in with 50 weakfish each, fish running 2 to 5 pounds this week. Catches were made at Ocean Beach and Heckscher on squid and some on salty dogs tipped with squid. A heavy run of fluke at Ocean Beach in the deeper spots. Very few shorts. Good weakfish mixed in. Some blows and kings with the best being Connequot Cove, just east of Nichols Pt. Quite a few crabs in this whole area.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells us good catches of school weakfish just east of buoy 30 taken on squid or salty dog tipped with squid strip in the deeper water. Some fluke in the deep water also along the channels on squid west of buoy 30. Some blues in the same spots on squid baits taken on the drift. A few kingfish are mixed in all over the bay and there is lots of snappers all over the place.

OAK BEACH

Excellent fluking reports **The Store,** on squid and sand eels. Lots of snappers taken on spearing. The snappers are 9 to 10 inches long. Fluke are red hot in the inlet from the lighthouse all the way to the west. Some weaks and blues mixed in with the fluke, blues up to 2 pounds hitting the fluke baits.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait and Tackle tells us the fluking is truly excellent from the lighthouse to the inlet at Fire Island Inlet on sand eels and squid combos best. The flood is producing fish of the finest kind. Weakfish are being taken at all the deep holes and Carl says these are big fish and a real hot bait is live snappers. Mike McMannus of Bay Shore did very well on blues at Pt. Democrat and along the south beach from the suds on Sunday morning on Future plugs. Fish were 2 to 3 pounds with some small weakfish mixed in. Blues and weaks for wire liners and diamond jiggers every morning and evening at the Fire Island Inlet from Red 2 to the head buoy. An unidentified angler had 3 big weakfish at night on squid from the Bay Shore Marina dock. Bass of teen size are in the bay and are

Joe Kocinski with 13 fluke caught on live killies off the Coast Guard Station on the incoming tide. Photo courtesy of SEATUCK COVE FISHING STATION.

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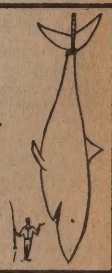

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being taken on bellies. Blues at Cholera and a batch is inshore of Cholera for trollers on umbrellas. Marlin in 45 fathoms, 145-155 degrees out of Shinnecock at the Inshore Fingers on Saturday. On Sunday, they were 30 to 35 fathoms. Some bass at Democratic Pt. In the surf.

CAPTREE

Capt. Neil of the **Lady Ann** called to say that fluking was fantastic this past week on the last of the flood with the rest of the time the fluking being "good." On the weekend, the best tides were too late in the day to really take full advantage of, but this weekend, the tides should be perfect at about 11 A.M. Need we say more. On Tuesday, Neil had 400 keepers, Wednesday 500, Thursday 300, Friday 200 keepers, Saturday 135 and Sunday 110 keepers. On the weekend, the afternoon fluke boats that caught the right tide had very good catches. The bluefishing is hot one day and warm the next. The fish are close but they are moving around. Thursday, they were everywhere and being picked in good numbers.

CAPT. BEN LITWIN reported very good fluke fishing on both Sat. and Sun. in the inlet by the Robert Moses Bridge. Average catch was 6 - 7 fish a man and high-hook was about 15. There are not many throwbacks to speak of and the fish ranged up to 6 lbs.

THE **CAPT. RICHIE** reported that a new body of fluke has moved into the inlet and the fishing is very good as a result. During the week it was great with fish all over the bay and in the inlet. On Wed. many anglers had catches in the 20's and the Capt. said that this was the best fishing in many years. Fishing was down on the weekend with the strong Northwest winds that made for poor drifting conditions. Best winds for fishing this area are either east or west.

Capt George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that fluke fishing was very good all week with average catches of 8 - 10 fish per man and high-hooks between 20 and 30 fluke every day. Bluefishing has been very good when you find them, but it's been a hit or miss affair at night. On Saturday night over 300 bluefish were taken by 40 anglers. The blues were all sizes from 4 - 12 lbs and are best around the wrecks. During the day Banana lures are producing best while at night chumming and using bait it the ticket.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **CAPTREE QUEEN** reported that the fluke fishing continues to be very good with average catches of from 6 - 12 fish per man. Wednesday saw some of the best fluke fishing in years with over 500 fluke taken, many anglers scoring with 20 or more. The fish are all over but are best in the west channel near West Island in the vicinity of the "Crazy Charlie" buoy and from buoy 20 all the way to the inlet. Gordon said that the best action has been around the last of the incoming tide and the first couple of hours of the outgoing.

Jib VI and V reports excellent fluking to the tune of 15 to 20 fish per man with a 7 pounder taken this week by one passenger. The fish are very big, a lot in the 3 lb. category.

Three of the largest of 200 fluke taken by the Saint Lawrence Fishing Club aboard the LADY ANN.

BABYLON

Mario at **High Hook Fishing Station** reports plenty of fish being caught by all his boats and that the fluking is very, very strong this past weekend. An 8¼ pound weakfish was brought in by one angler along with his fluke. The CG Station down to the construction dock is the area to work with squid and sand eels working well. Jim Roy had 12 fluke up to 5½ pounds at buoys 9 and 10 at Snake Hill Channel. Some bay blues are mixed in.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports super fluking in Fire Island Inlet on both sides of the bridge but not at the inlet itself. The area from the construction dock to the Lighthouse is best. Sand eels, squid and killie combos are all catching. Friday, blues were trolled at 70 feet of water on umbrellas, green bananas and spoons. Loads of small snappers around and a few crabs. The Babylon Tuna Club snapper derby is being held on August 6th, and you can call Augie's for details. Two marlin were brought in to be weighed on Thursday. BTC members Dennis Bofinger nailed a 51½ pounder and Sal Frega bagged a 42½ pounder fishing on Ray Whitman's "Nite Owl." The marlin were taken on rigged eels at Hudson Canyon. Dave Moffat bagged a 630 lb. tiger shark this week. Wow!

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports an excellent week for fluke, though it slowed a little on the weekend due to the heavy boat traffic. Drifts from the lightouse to the inlet put fish in the boat. On Thursday, a load of blues were at the Whistler in the 2 to 6 lb. range. Loads of bay blues at the Sore Thumb on Rebels, Kastmasters, Ava jigs with surg tubes, and also on green bananas. To our surprise, John reports good blackfishing at the inside artificial reef though he says you may have trouble getting bait. Bass, weaks and blues are all mixed at the Democratic Pt. section of Fire Island though the fish are mostly blues and weaks on tins. Plenty of snappers as evidenced by Jr. angler Jim Schaffer taking 125 baby bluefish in 2 nights

Shown here are Capt. Bluefish Bob and mate Mike Dext with two white marlin of 81¾ and 43 lbs taken aboard the NORTH STAR, which is part of the BIG RED fleet.

shing in local canals. Some small blue law crabs around and plenty of shark ffshore. Larry Frank had a 165 pound lue shark this past week while Tony the hoemaker and Frank Said loaded up ith small blues on white umbrellas shing from the Sore Thumb to the head uoy. John asked us to say that he is now arrying a special type of shark chum hat he suggests you look into. Also, our reporter suggests that you stop in n a weekday and take a look at John's ew pet raccoon which walks all over im, chews on John's beard and ears nd does a few other tricks.

Super fluking reports **Duke's Bait and ackle**, in Fire Island Inlet. Joe Uss of indenhurst along with Charlie, Bob and ary of Babylon had 45 keepers at the let on the flood on sand eels, fish from to 5 pounds. Duke says both tides were orking this week and sand eels worked est. Good week in striper action at emocratic Pt. in the surf with weaks om 8 to 10 pounds taken and schoolie ass. Sand worms in the eve seem to be orking best. Lots of small blues from 1 3 pounds hitting everything from fluke igs to umbrellas. Big blues chummed nd trolled from 65 feet on out, fish to 12 ounds. Snapper action picking up and arge blowfish at the Copiague Hole and anner Park on squid and sand worms. ellow and bluefin tuna at 165 plus feet f water south/south/east of F.I. Inlet luring the week. Shinnecock is produc- ng white marlin, tuna and bluefish ffshore. Crabs remain slow locally.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports fluking as very good all week long with the hole length of Fire Island Inlet good, est being from the coast guard station the construction dock. Blues and eaks at the inlet early in the morning n umbrellas, mostly with white tubes. reen bananas are working well too as re Ava diamond jigs. Snappers are showing well at the docks.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells us that Dick Svoboda on his "Miss Marion III" had a 38½ lb. yellowfin tuna and a 14 lb. dolphin taken on cedar plugs at the canyon on Thursday. Good blues and weaks at Fl inlet on lavendar Sekora tubes. Blues from 50 to 110 feet of water due south of Jones Inlet taken on green umbrellas and a few chummed. Trolling is working best and seems to be holding up. Fluke are being taken the length of Fire Island Inlet and also at Squaw Island. Some stripers at the state channel between Zachs Bay and the 3rd Wantagh Bridge on clam chum and on eels. Good snapper fishing from docks, banks and boats.

Charterboat **Apus** called to tell us that fishing Jones Beach area on Saturday, Ed Uhlan and party had 37 keeper fluke on squid and sand eels. Sunday's charter for the College Pt. Savings Bank saw 17 blues and 3 weaks trolled in the Jones area from 40 to 58 feet of water. Capt. Mike also had a few shark during the week.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports reports fluking very good in the state channel, around the Wantagh Bridges, Fl Inlet and Jones Inlet close to the rocks on the east side of the inlet. Weaks at the Moses Bridge with a 6 lb. 9 oz. fish being weighed in. Some bonita in 70 to 90 feet of water with an 8 lb. 2 oz. specimen being weighed in this past week. Blues have been spotty, some days good and some not so good.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports that snappers are in though they are small but there are a lot of them. Some blue claws are starting. Fluking has been very good this week and weekend with sand eels and spearing working best at Squaw Island, West Island, Four Corners, Goose Creek and in Jones Inlet. All kinds of fluke in F.I. Inlet. Some clam chummed bass at the Wantagh Bridge and State Channel while blues putting on a good show offshore. Plenty of fish around for you to choose from.

Salice Fishing Station reports good week and weekend action on the fluke, 6 to 10 fish per man. Biggest of the week was a 3 pound 12 ounce fluke and the fish are averaging 2 pounds. Good areas are between the 2nd drawbridge and Four Corners, Squaw Island, off the Jones Beach piers. A few weakfish are mixed in with the fluke. Snappers are all over the bay and hitting well on spearing baits. Blue claws are starting to come in traps on whole bunker.

BELLMORE

Roy at **Merrick Marine Supplies** reports fluke poor to fair locally but good catches of bluefish being made at the 40 foot line off Lido Beach on green and red S&G bananas and umbrellas. The Tin Can is producing good striper action on

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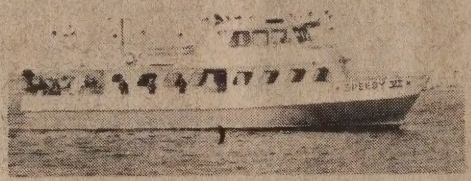

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deep. A lot of us can escape into time through this challenge. This last human against nature or wilderness area left to us in this rat race of technology. Not that all of us are that pure at heart, however. We take the technology with us. Our charts provide the floor plans of our fish' home; Sonar literally betrays the fish to us by her own flesh and bone. Not to mention boats, motors, rod, reels, bait and on and on.

There may even be another reason, and perhaps it's a sort of punishment. Who amongst us hasn't invested (never spent) more time, energy and money into this endeavor than our budgets allow.

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MERRICK

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On Saturday, after being blown out at Montauk, Stu Miller and Larry Korn jumped into Stu's tin boat and worked the known hot spots behind Freeport. Larry bagged 2 good fluke while the helmsman was happy with 1 fish. So it goes.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports that Jim Johnson had another big day trolling blues south of Cholera. Good fluking in Jones Inlet and Middle Bay on sand eels, squid or killies, incoming best. Jake Golden took a 145 lb. mako on Sunday fishing 40 miles out due south of Jones Inlet.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

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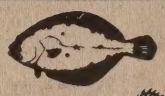

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The **Capt. Hall** reports fair fishing for fluke this past week. On Tuesday 12 year old Billy Farrola took 14 fish averaging 2 lbs. Sid Cramer took the pool Tuesday with a 6 lb fish and again on Saturday with a 5 pounder. The fish are being taken in the back waters and catches are averaging 6 - 8 fish per person.

Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport** is doing his thing with the fluke these days and asked us to tell you that on August 1st he will start running half day open trips for fluke. See his ad for details. He's chartered on the weekends.

Capt. Arnold of the **Shalidon** called to say that on Thursday Alec and Gyni Caisse of Columbia Conn. boated a 100 lb. dusky fishing southeast of Jone's. On Friday, it was bluefish for another charter along with a 2nd dusky shark. On Saturday, Kevin Davidson of Garden City Park had an 11 lb. dolphin in 275 feet of water fishing south of the HA at the gulley. The fish is being mounted. On the same trip Ray Sansale of Mineola landed a 40 pound mako which is is also having mounted.

Charterboat **Sundown** was into a big fish on Sunday which the charter had on the line for 2½ hours before the line broke.

Charterboat **Nite Owl** called to say that he had 9 bluefish on Friday for Dr. Meyers and party, fish going to 11 pounds. Capt. Joe Long then reported that on Sunday, fishing an offshore wreck, his party loaded up with about 400 pounds of cod and pollack split about 50-50, fishing bait, no artificials. This was for Dan Colantone of Mass and party from Acme Fast Freight.

Capt. Dennis Kenyuk of the **Sea Hawk** reports that on Friday his charter of Charles Brunell fishing at the gulley had shark of 173 pounds and 123 pounds plus a 60 lb. thrasher shark which was released. After the first two makos, a third one showed but they passed it up as the hour was late. On Sat. his charter of Bill Combs had 12 blues up to 12 pounds on smelt and butterfish. On Sunday two makos were in the slick but kept spitting the hook.

Capt. Jim Clarke of the charterboat **Invictus** called to talk about blues which are south of the inlet in 80 feet of water and settling down on bunker chum. Jim also asked us to announce that he has some choice weekdays and weekends available.

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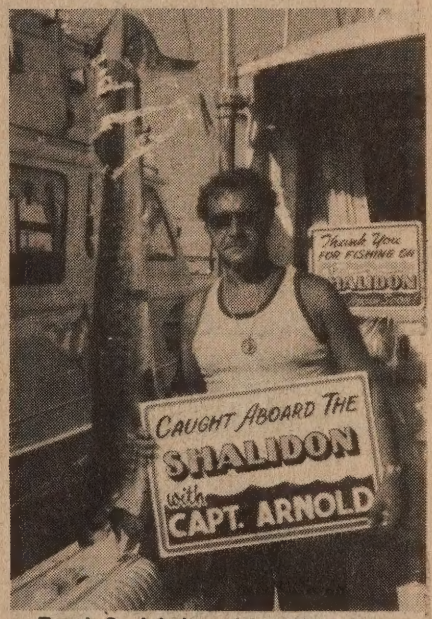

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Anthony's Fishing Station reports the fluking is pretty good all week and weekend with all boats coming back with anywhere from 6 to 12 fish per boat. One customer had a 3¾ lb. fluke. A 2 lb. 10 oz. fluke is presently leading Anthony's Fluke Pool. High Flats drain¶Long Creek, Reynolds Channel and the inlet are prime hunting grounds.

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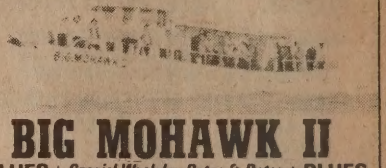

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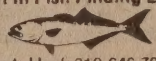

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Ed's Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing is fair to good trolling the flats. Bennie and Izak Kozuch of Forrest Hills took 30 fluke to 3 ½ lbs fishing the above area with spearing. The inlet has not been as productive as it was last week. A few fish were picked up on sand eels and killies and the action here should pick up again. Flounder of nice size are still being taken on worms in Swift Creek. The Meadowbrook Bridge is producing seabass, porgies, and blackfish. The T Wreck is producing blacks on fiddlers. Bluefish have moved in a little closer and weakfish are being trolled on the east side of the jetty. On Saturday Carl Smith took 4 weakfish on squid in the early morning.

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Beckmann's Tackle reports that early morning and late evening is producing blues, weaks and a few bass at Democratic Pt. and Shore Beach. Rockaway and Long Beach are producing blues and weaks for trollers on umbrellas and tubes. Clam chumming around the bridges is resulting in some nice bass catches. Sand porgies are in the bay and can be caught on worms and clams.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy at **Hennings Fishing Station** tells us that the fluking has been good all week at buoys 3, 5, and 7 in Reynolds Channel primarily on sand eels, but also on squid and spearing. Snappers are in but are small. Weaks and blues on jigs and green bananas from Riis Park to Monmouth Beach. Plenty of fish and of good size. South of the HA, a few boats took alison tuna in the 50 lb. class, trolling red and white feathers. Larry Kravitz bagged a 40 lb. mako south of the HA. A very few small stripers are being taken on bellies at the Atlantic Beach Bridge, fish going to 8 pounds.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that snappers can be taken all over the bay on spearing. Bass fishing is good at the bridges particularly the south channel bridge at night on sand worms. Weakfish are being taken at the Marine Parkway Bridge averaging 8 lbs on squid and bunker. Weakfish are also being taken at Rees Park along with bluefish on Diamond jigs. Sand porgies are also all over the bay and can be caught on worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The NEW EAGLE reports good fluking at Fire Island with fish running up to 8 lbs. The night bluefishing has been excellent this past week with the exception of Friday because of bad weather conditions. The fishing is being done at the Farms area and the fish are running up to 10 lbs.

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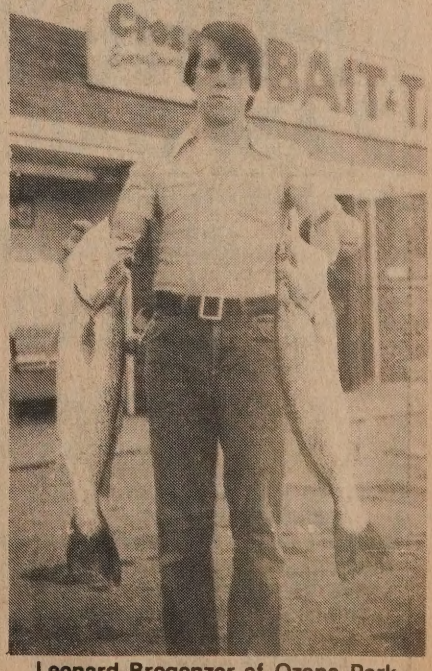

Leonard Bregenzer of Ozone Park with 2 weakfish of 7 lb 14 oz and 6 lb 5 oz taken on bunker strips at the North Channel Bridge. Photo courtesy of CROSS BAY BAIT & TACKLE.

Shown are fluke taken aboard the ELSIE K III at the Tin Can Grounds. Rose Pastony was hi-hook with a 7 ½ pounder.

THe CHIEF reports the fluke fishing to be slow. On Friday and Saturday the blue fishing was fair using bananas in the Farms and Klondike area with fish to 15 lbs taken.

The BIG MOHAWK II reports a slaughter on the blues on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday fishing the Farms and south of Klondike. The fish were averaging 8 - 12 lbs. The day blues were running from 6 - 8 lbs with occasional 10 - 12 pounders and were taken on banasnas and green tubes at Long Branch and SW of the Farms. Fishermen should come down and get in on some of this good night bluefishing.

Capt. Micky of the **Pina IV** called to say that the bluefish are picking up as are the bass as evidenced by a recent catch of Frank Lifrireri and party of 7 stripers plus a sprinkling of weaks and blues. A bass of 20 pounds was taken by Ed Lasey at the Tin Can recently. Mickey says he has charter dates available of weekdays and weekend evenings.

Stella Maris Bait and Tackle reports bluefish from Norton's Pt. south to Jersey on jigs and bananas and some fish on bait. Fluke off Riis Park, Coney Island and Ambrose Channel. Porgies at the Tin Can along with sea bass on clam and squid. Weaks at the Tin Can also and off Riis Park on diamond jigs and trolled umbrellas. Plenty of snappers in the bay.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports that for surf fishermen, South Beach is producing blues from 10 to 12 lbs on cut bunker or butterfish through the night and into early morning. Penny Beach and Cliff Street are producing bass from shorts to 4 lbs on sand worms, bucktails, and castmasters. There are plenty of porgies and lafayettes around the shore line of Staten Island. Great Kills Harbor is showing plenty of small snappers and an improvement in blue claw crabbing. Princess bay, buoys 42 and 46 are producing small bluefish from 2 - 5 lbs and weakfish from 5 - 6 lbs on either bait or trolling. The VZ Bridge - Can 21 is producing 10 - 12 lb blues, weakfish and striped bass on bait and by trolling. Fluke can be taken at the Great Kills Bug Light, old Orchard Light and buoy 4 Anadale.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The wilhelric reports good fishing all week with a new body of fish found off the Connecticut shore. The fish are running from medium to jumbo and can be caught in 60 - 70 feet of water if good weather conditions are present. The hi-hook took 50 to 60 fish to 21½ lbs.

George Porter of the **BRAND X** called in to report that he loaded his boat to the brim with nice jumbo porgies. The fishing was done north of Fischer's Island with clam bait. Other boats out of Greenport are loading up with fluke at Truman's Beach and at the Ruins at Gardiner's Island.

A.P. White Bait Shop reported good fluke fishing last Sunday to the east of the Ruin and around buoy 3 off Truman beach. Porgy fishing is good near Ficher's Island. Blackfishing is good around Gull Island. Not many blues around and bass reports are very slim.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported plenty of sand porgies in the bay by buoy 12, 14, and 17 and around the South Ferry. Weakfish are around but you really have to hunt for them. Snapper blues are starting to show up in the bay. Good numbers of fluke at Truman's beach along with some porgies. There are also porgies at Peppy's Bight and Mulford Point.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's fishing station reports porgies up to 1½ lbs being taken on skimmers and worms at buoys 22, 23, 25, 29 and 30. Weakfish are being taken on squid and sand worms at Roses Grove and the Black Buoy.

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JAMESPORT

JAMESPORT BAIT AND TACKLE ports that small snappers are being ken off the piers and are all over on th sides. Porgies can be caught on orms in the bay and in the Sound. ues and weakfish are being caught olling at Horton's Pt. about a quarter ile offshore. These fish are moving shore at night. Small weaks are being ken inside on sand worms or squid.

AQUEBOGUE

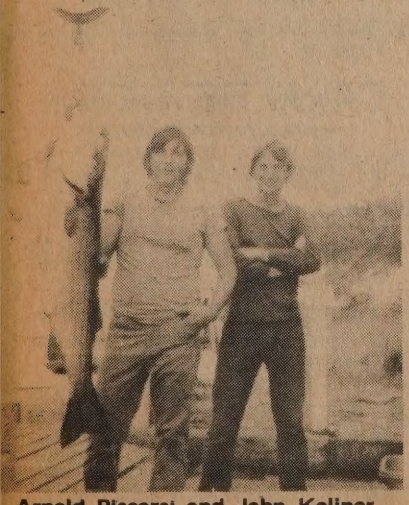
Warren's Tackle Center reported a ir amount of blues taken by buoy 5 olling with wire and rigs. No report at l on bass. Last Sunday one fellow eighed in a 3½ lb fluke taken off latituck. Porgies are all over the sound ut are on the small side. Weakfish are ill in the bay but you have to hunt them o.

ROCKY POINT

The Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports ood quality fluke from 4 - 6 lbs are eing caught at buoys 11 and 9 on earing sand eels and squid. Porgies re at buoy 11, Miller Place and Cedar each up to 2 lbs. Blowfish are also eing taken at Cedar Beach. Blues to 14 s are at Crane's Neck while smaller lues from 4 - 6 lbs are at the drop off at uoy 9. The fish are being taken on Ava 7's or White tubes. Weakfish are also ixed in with these blues. There are lenty of small snappers in the area.

SELDEN

ANGLERS DEN reports that snappers re wall-to-wall in the Sound. Buoy 9 is roducing porgies to 2½ lbs and this is lso the hot spot for blues and weaks hich are taking diamond jigs and red nd white umbrellas. Joseph Londener ook an 8 lb 9 oz fluke fishing buoy 11 ith umbrella rigs for bluefish. M.



Arnold Piscorsi and John Koliner weigh a 39¾ lb bass at MAE'S WAY FISHING STATION. The fish was taken on umbrella rigs at Callahans Beach.

Editorial: *Beach Litter*

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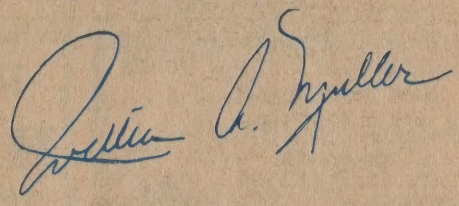
happened; my friend was not hurt and there was no loss of property. But with waders costing a bundle and rods and reels not far behind it could have been a disaster to say nothing of the more important item of personal safety. Suppose a child had run down the beach a few hours later. Would you like to be responsible for the injuries to that child? Would you like it to happen to your child?

I know that it's hard to approach someone that you don't know and offer words of advice, but think of the many benefits that may be gleaned from just such an act of public concern!

At the very least, let's pick up that rubble and dispose of it properly instead of in the briny. Let's give it a whirl, we may find it rewarding!



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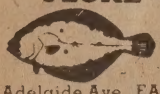

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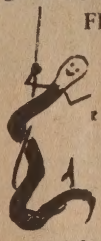

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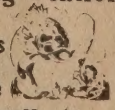

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Dick's Sporting Goods reports good bluefishing off buoy 9 with fish up to 14 lbs taking surgical tubes, bunker, and live snappers. Porgie fishing remains good off all beaches. Weakfish and fluke are being taken at buoys 11 and 9.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's way Fishing Station** reports a sharp upswing in bluefishing this week. The fish have been located from Port Jefferson east but this weekend a few schools entered Smithtown Bay. Mixed in with these 2 - 5 lb blues are schools of big weakfish. On Thursday, Roger Olsen from this station scored with a dozen blues and one weakfish at buoy 9. These fish were taken on umbrella rigs. On Friday a customer named Alex weighed in a loner blue of 12 lbs 8 ozs that took a single black tube off Callahan's Beach. On the bottom scene the porgies tapered off for the weekend. Everyone around here is blaming the dozen or so commercial draggers working the Smithtown Bay area for the poor bottom fishing. The river is full of snappers and there is no luck needed at all to catch a nice mess of them for dinner.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. Tony of the **Day Off II** called to say that he is getting big catches of porgies now, especially on his eve trips. Tony is running two open trips daily at 8 A.M. and at 5 P.M. See his ad for details.

The **Betty W** reports that early in the week, weaks and blues were good to excellent. Wed. was best with over 200 weaks along with some blues being taken. The weakies were gone on Thurs., but the blues remained. Friday and Saturday strong winds drove the blues off but porgies held up and supplied lots of action.

Last week, angler Dick Erwin of Smithtown between 5 A.M. and noon had 35 tuna on 30 lb. class tackle fishing 400 feet of water. No other details of this catch were available.

CARAFTIS FISHING STATION reported a decent amount of blues taken trolling between buoys 11 and 9 in the early morning and evening. Umbrella rigs on wire for diamond jigs are the best bet. Plenty of porgies off Old Field Point. Fluke are still around at Mt. Misery Shoal but the loads of snappers are getting to the bigger baits first.

NORTHPORT

TOM AT BOWMANN'S SPORTING GOODS REPORTED BLUEFISH TAKEN LAST Saturday and Sunday about 3 miles off Calahan's beach. The fish were down about 30 feet hitting diamond jigs or Umbrella rigs. There were also some weakfish underneath the

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Shown here are six-year-old Penny Valentine with a 10 lb. 1 oz. weakfish, and Debra Valentine with two weaks of 6 lbs. l oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz., taken at Lloyd Point. Photo courtesy of a proud Dad at FOUR WINDS TACKLE.

blues. Bass fishing is on the slow side with the best bet being slow trolling in the morning and evening between the Coast Guard Station and Ashroken beach. Porgies from 1 - 2 lbs are off Sand City while sand porgies and snappers are being taken off the town dock. One unusual item for this time of year is shore fishermen are getting 3 - 4 blackfish a tide at Sand City beach on worms. This is the wrong time of year for this type of fishing.

HUNTINGTON

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports weaks and some large stripers and blues mixed in at Eaton's Neck on umbrellas and jigging white bucktails. Good fluking locally as evidenced by Ben Kleinman and Harry Dale with 8 fluke up to 6 pounds drifting with spearing and squid. This was on the western shoal of Eaton's Neck. Bob Gordon of Huntington took a 9 lb. fluke drifting a live snapper at Diamond Pt. this week. Snappers are in heavy in all the harbors but are small and are hitting on small tins or shiners. Porgies ranging from ½ to 1 pound are hitting sandworms just east of Eaton's and at buov 4 at Marshall Fields.

Four Winds Tackle reports that fluke fishing has picked up with good catches coming from Eaton's Neck and Diamond Point. Ken Ducker had a 9 lb fluke and his son had one of 6 lbs 1 oz along with several others taken at Eaton's Neck on sand eels and squid. Weaks averaging 6 - 9 lbs are being taken in the early morning and evening at Lloyd's Point with umbrellas, jigs, tins, Tri-fin eel worms and live snappers. They are also being taken drifting sand worms after dark. Snappers are all over the area by

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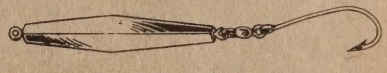

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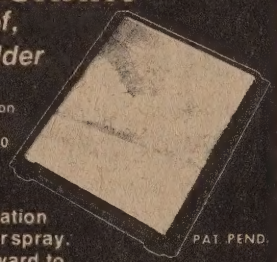

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the billions. Porgies are also in the area in large quantities and the larger ones can be found in the deeper water. Bluefish from 2 - 3 lbs are being taken on umbrellas at Lloyd Point and on whiptails off of Lilco .

BAYVILLE

Dick's Landing described the crabbing in Barnegat Bay as real good. His boat rentals have been coming back to the dock with up to a half bushel or more of big blue claw crabs. There were also mixed catches of fluke and snapper blues.

CITY ISLAND

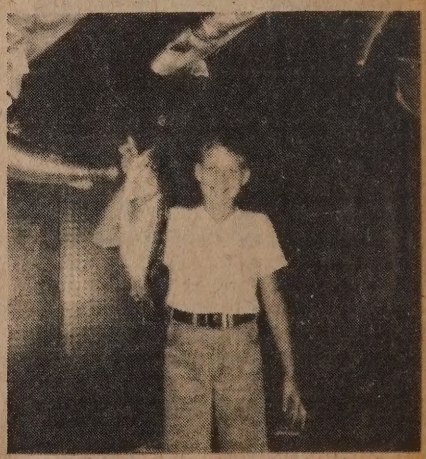
Jack at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** reported a good number of big blues around last week. Joe Batispa had anywhere from 4 - 7 fish a trip fishing off Old Tom Rock. The fish weighed between 12 and 15½ lbs. The first 2 nights Joe used chunks but then he started snagging bunker and used the live bait on a two-hook rig. Lots of bunker in the area. Joe Dinarzo trolled up a 14 lb blue, a 14¾ lb blue off New Rochelle on a surgical tube. Still some school bass being taken but no big fish.

NEW ROCHELLE

CAPT. PETE PEARSON OF THE **KLONDIKE VI** reported a good mess of bluefish taken last Thursday and Friday. Some fares had 20 - 30 fish on those days. The weekend fishing was off due to the weather and a lot of small boats in the areas off New Jersey.

GROTON CONN.

Capt. Brad Gias of the **Hel-Cat** reported the fluke fishing from last Friday through Sunday was very, very good. Some of the regulars had 20 fish while the newcomers had 6 or so. Pool winners went a consistent 6 pounds. In addition to the fluke, there are some big mackerel, sea bass, porgies, and an occasional weakfish.



Robert Connor took this 5½ lb large mouth bass fishing worms in Lake Ronkonkoma. The fish is being mounted by ISLAND MARINE TAXIDERMY.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	6:25	6:53	7:15	7:44	7:12	7:38	8:05	8:26	10:27	10:45	10:04	10:24	6:36	7:03	7/28
FRI.	7:20	7:44	8:11	8:38	8:08	8:30	8:57	9:19	11:25	11:41	10:59	11:18	7:32	7:54	7/29
SAT	8:10	8:34	9:05	9:30	9:00	9:19	9:50	10:09	—	12:16	11:49	—	8:21	8:42	7/30
SUN	9:00	9:21	9:56	10:19	9:52	10:10	10:40	10:59	12:33	1:06	12:08	12:38	9:10	9:30	7/31
MON	9:49	10:09	10:46	11:07	10:44	10:59	11:30	11:49	1:20	1:50	12:57	1:26	9:54	10:16	8/1
TUE	10:35	10:56	11:35	11:55	11:35	11:48	—	12:20	2:06	2:34	1:45	2:11	10:46	11:03	8/2
WED	11:24	11:43	—	12:24	—	12:24	12:39	1:11	2:31	3:20	2:32	2:59	11:32	11:50	8/3
THUR.	—	12:13	12:42	1:13	12:38	1:13	1:29	2:03	3:33	4:02	3:20	3:46	—	12:19	8/4

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES!

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

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7/5	5:30	8:39
7/10	5:33	8:37
7/15	5:37	8:34
7/20	5:41	8:31
7/25	5:46	8:26
7/30	5:51	8:21

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	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	3:00	**9:45**	3:25	**10:15**
FRI.	3:55	**10:40**	4:30	**11:10**
SAT.	4:50	**11:35**	5:25	**11:55**
SUN.	5:45	**—**	6:15	**12:30**
MON.	6:40	**12:55**	7:10	**1:30**
TUES.	7:45	**2:00**	8:10	**2:20**
WED.	8:35	**2:55**	9:05	**3:15**
THURS.	9:30	**3:40**	9:50	**4:05**

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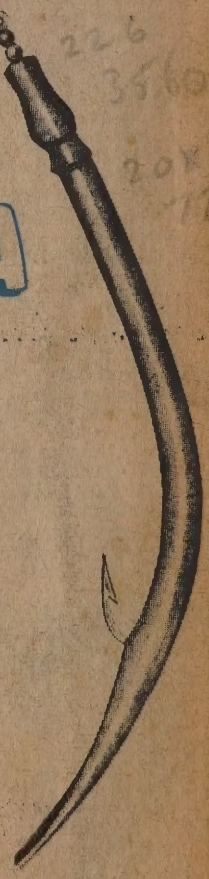

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